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Honorable Randy Richardville Chairman of
Government Operations and Committee members,

The National Patients Rights Association is a 501 [c][6] Not-For-Profit Organization whose main purpose is to advance the rights of medical marijuana patients, their caregivers and the many businesses that serve them. Our membership is committed to ensuring patient safety while improving the efficacy of the medical marijuana industry.

HB 4271- We support this legislation and encourage you to vote yes. Five years into the implementation of the MMMA, patients are still struggling to gain consistent access to medicine that is clean, tested and safe. This bill will greatly improve the quality of care and patient safety by regulating the distribution of medical marijuana through safety compliance facilities and provisioning centers in municipalities that choose to license them. The rules and regulations outlined in this legislation will bring clarity for both patients and local communities, while ensuring that medical marijuana distribution is controlled in a responsible manner similar to the distribution of other medications.

HB 5104- We support this legislation and encourage you to vote yes. This bill will protect patients who use smoking alternative forms of medical marijuana while setting reasonable rules for labeling and distribution. Many patients such as those suffering from cancer and AIDS or very sick minors are not able to or should not smoke. This bill will protect some of the sickest and most vulnerable medical marijuana patients in this great state.

Sincerely,
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NATIONAL PATIENTS RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Our mission is to protect patients; encourage medical practitioners to understand the benefits and uses of medical marihuana; sustain the decision of Michigan voters to legalize marihuana for medical use; and support the existing Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA) as a workable system for getting medical marihuana to those who need it.

Fast Facts For HB4271

HB4271: *The Provisioning Centers Act, introduced by Representative Michael Callton, R-Nashville, empowers local communities within the state to license and regulate the distribution of medical marihuana in a safe and responsible manner.*

A brief summary of the bill and its key points is as follows:

- A "Local Option" that gives control to municipalities to ban, permit, zone or further regulate medical marihuana provisioning centers and safety compliance centers (i.e. testing facilities)
- Sets restrictions and mandates record keeping for the amount of medical marihuana that can be distributed/acquired from Provisioning Centers to prevent redistribution
- Provides Legal and safe access to medical marijuana for patients who may not have a caregiver, or whose caregiver is in between harvests and unable to provide for them.
- Clarifies and set rules for the distribution of medical marihuana
- Ensures that patients and caregivers will have access to tested marihuana and screening for mold and other potential toxins
- Restricts certain types of convicted felons from owning and operating Provisioning Centers
- Allows for the inspection of center by the municipality
- Requires that medical marihuana products be clearly labeled with content and weight
- Addresses and allows for the restriction of advertising
- Prevents physicians from operating or advertising within a Provisioning Center.
- Provides Access to an assortment of strains of medical marijuana, which each provide their own unique types of symptom relief.
- Provides Access to properly zoned and licensed facilities that are ADA compliant.

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